(b) However, India continues to actively participate in international meetings on nuclear safety and in this regard we support greater cooperation among all nations concerned.

Restructuring of second channel of Doordarshan

1653. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that second chennel of Doordarshan has flopped in the absence of good and popular programmes;

(b) whether Government have any plans of restructuring the second channel to make it more popular; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to review the quality of its programmes. As a part of this exercise the programmes telecast on the second channel are constanty reviewed on the basis of continuous professional assessment as well as feed back from viewers. Changes in the contents, format of the programmes are made whenever considered necessary, so as to sustain viewers' interest.

Delay of NTPC Projects

1654. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) projects are being delayed owing to lack of environmental clearance; and

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Out of the 8 Thermal Power Projects referred by NTPC so far, only three projects are awaiting approval due to non-submission of information sought from NTPC.

Setting up of Community T.V. sets

1655. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether community television sets are proposed to be installed by Government in 4000 villages in six States in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the names of those State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) A scheme for Community T. V. was approved during the VI Plan period.

(b) The names of the concerned States are Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Publication of Urdu Dailies and Weeklies in Delhi

1656. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Urdu dailies and weeklies, etc. published from Delhi; and

(b) what are the details of advertisements being given to them, paperwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The number of Urdu newspapers of varying periodicity published from Delhi as on 31-12-1985 was 243.